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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO CLIFFORD STATEMENT OF MARCH 10

1. POST OBTAINED FULL TEXT OF CLIFFORD'S OPENING STATEMENT TO HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE THROUGH PHONE-FED READING FROM VOA NEWSROOM AT ABOUT 6 P.M. LOCAL TIME. TEXT WAS TRANSCRIBED AND COPIES DELIVERED TO ALL GREEK MEDIA SHORTLY AFTER 9 P.M.

2. ATHENS NEWS AGENCY DISTRIBUTED FULL TEXT AND CARRIED REMARKS IN ENTIRETY IN MARCH 11 SUMMARY WHICH IS CIRCULATED TO ALL MEDIA AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

3. ALL MORNING PAPERS FEATURED STORIES ON THE STATEMENT EXCEPT, STRANGELY, THE LIBERAL TO VIMA. KATHIMERINI STRESSED CLIFFORD'S CONCLUSION, THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE CURRENT YEAR. CONSERVATIVE AKROPOLIS AND AVGHI, ORGAN OF THE INTERIOR COMMUNIST PARTY, BOTH EMPHASIZED CLIFFORD'S REMARK ON THE HIGHLY COMPLICATED NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS AND THE AEGEAN.

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RIGHT-WING ELEFTEROS KOSMOS NOTED HIS COMMENT THAT BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY WANT TO MAINTAIN FIRM ALLIANCE WITH NATO. AND, FINALLY, THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS USED THE CLIFFORD STATEMENT AS

A LEVER TO ATTACK THE AMERICAN BASES IN GREECE. ALL PAPERS PLAYED THE STORY IN LEAD OR SECOND-LEAD POSITION.

4. BOTH ERT AND YENED TV NETWORKS GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE STATEMENT. EARLY NEWS SHOWS USED THE UPI STORY BUT BOTH NETWORKS USED FULL TEXT TO FLESH OUT REPORT ON HEAVILY VIEWED MIDNIGHT NEWS PROGRAMS.

5. SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENTARY ON THE REMARKS EXCEPT FOR THAT COMMENT WHICH IS IMPLICIT IN ATTITUDES OF RIZOSPASTIS' "NEWS"STORY.
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